

MINUTES
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 9, 2014
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Philip McKnight, Chairman, Peter Fohlin, Chris Winters, Mark Reinhardt, Jane Patton and Michael Sussman

ABSENT: Linda Conway and Jeffrey Thomas (both excused)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The current status of the long-delayed Cable Mills project was discussed in light of the apparent start of construction on Water Street. Initial plans and targeted completion dates(s) of 12-14 months were noted. Phil McKnight on behalf of the Conservation Commission toured the site and has met the construction supervisor. They will stay in touch as the work progresses. The first order of business will be to secure the buildings, including washing repointing the exterior brick, installing new windows and constructing new roofs. Only the brick buildings will be renovated in this first phase of construction.

The Committee reviewed its current financial spreadsheet dated October 6, 2014, to determine the amount of money available to it in this FY16 funding cycle. It was noted that a possible "bonus" payment from the Commonwealth might become available in November.

A recommendation from Jeffrey Thomas to ask prior recipients of CPA funds to return to the Committee to advise it of their application experience was favorably received. Mr. Thomas will implement his idea in the ensuing months. The Committee also agreed to ask applicants to put in writing during the review process any substantial changes to their applications.

The Committee has received indications of interest in a CPA grant from three organizations and will await a formal application in December before discussing these matters.

The minutes of the June 3, 2014 CPC meeting were approved 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip R. McKnight
Acting Secretary